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**PETITION FILING INSTRUCTION SHEET  
2008 GENERAL ELECTION  
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

The New Jersey Division of Elections accepts petitions on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, which serves as the Chief Election Official of the State of New Jersey. Set forth below are qualifications for candidacy along with an overview of the statutory requirements for submitting petitions to conform with Title 19, the Election Laws of New Jersey.

Candidate petitions may be filed in person or mailed, but must be received by the deadline date, on or before 4:00 pm on Monday, August 11, 2008.

To qualify as a candidate for Electors of President & Vice President, you must meet the following qualifications:

- ✓ at least 25 years of age
- ✓ a United States Citizen for seven years
- ✓ a resident of New Jersey

Each candidate should read and follow petition instructions carefully in order to ensure that the petition is accepted for filing for the office of Electors of President and Vice President.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:13-3 et seq., petitions must meet the following requirements:

1. Petitions must be signed by at least 800 voters statewide.
2. Names of candidates for President and Vice-President of said party or principle for whom electors are to vote may be placed on the petition. (Please note that if names of candidates for President and Vice President are included on the petition, such names may not be removed or substituted.)
3. Circulator/witness must sign the petition on a numbered line and location of signature must be identified.
4. The affidavit of the person who circulates the candidate petition and who also serves as witness to the petition signatures, is known as the circulator/witness. This person must sign on page 13 under "signature of witness." (N.J.S.A. 19:23-11)

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5. Each Elector must sign a certificate of acceptance and oath of allegiance.
6. Designation/Slogan must be indicated on petition and cannot exceed three words.  
(Note: No such designation shall include or refer to the name of any person or incorporated association of this State unless the written consent of such person or incorporated association of this State has been filed with the petition of nomination.)

The person submitting a petition will be asked to provide the day and evening telephone numbers of the candidate. This is in the event that someone file a challenge to the candidate petition. The daytime phone number will also be used for public information purposes, i.e., press/citizen inquiry.

This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions, but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any questions, please contact the New Jersey Division of Elections at (609) 292-3760.

Completed candidate petitions must be delivered to:

**New Jersey Division of Elections  
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